Government of India had taken steps to formulate quality norms of food products to that of internationally accepted Codex standards to the extent desirable.

(d) Does not arise.

Export of meat of other cattle

†5174. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI :
SHRI HARISH RAWAT :

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the countries to which meat of other cattle was exported during the year 2000-2001 alongwith the names of the units and foreign exchange earned by them as per the page-24 of the annual report for the year 2001-2002 of the Ministry of Food Processing Industry;

(b) whether these units have set up their own slaughter houses or these units take meat from other centres and then export;

(c) if so, the location thereof ; and

(d) the details of the animals included under the other cattle category ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI N.T.SHANMUGAM) : (a) Meat of other cattle referred to in page 24 of the Annual Report of the Ministry of Food Processing Industries includes meat of bull, bullock and cow and the same is not allowed to be exported as per the Export-Import Policy of the Government.

(b) and (c) Do not arise as meat of other animals referred to in reply to part (a) above is not being exported.

(d) As stated in reply to part (a) above, the animals included under the other cattle category are bulls, bullocks and cows.

Production of video/audio programme on fundamental duties

5175. SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether NCERT has stopped production of Video and Audio Programme spots on Article 51A of the Constitution which was started by CIET (Central Institute of Educational Technology) as per the report of the Committee on Fundamental Duties; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Child Labourers

†5176. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of child labourers in the country indicating their age-group;

(b) whether they come under B.P.L. category;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons for employing child labourers on large scale in hazardous industries ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI JAS KAUR MEENA) : (a) to (d) Authentic figures of child labour in the country are generated by the decennial census. According to the 1981 census, the estimated figure of working children in the age group of 5-14 was 13.6 million. As per-the 1991 Census the number of working children in the country was of the order of 11.28 million. The 2001 census figures regarding the working children have not yet been published.

Child labour is a socio-economic problem arising out of poverty and must be dealt with through sustained efforts over a long period of time. Considering the nature and magnitude of the problem, a gradual and sequential approach has been adopted for complete elimination of child labour, beginning with the children working in hazardous occupations.

Problems of teachers

5177. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any proposal to constitute a Committee to review the problems faced by teachers of Kendriya Vidyalayas;

(b) if so, when was the proposal received and whether the Committee has been formed; and

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay and by when the Committee would be formed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA) : (a) to (c) A

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